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CHS Drama Workshop Wins Again

The Cohasset High School Drama Workshop stunned the crowd with another winning performance last Saturday at the state drama festival in Boston.

Cohasset and Ipswich were chosen out of 12 schools in the finals to perform at the New England High School Drama Festival this month at Castleton (Vt.) State College.

Cohasset's entire 11-member cast was named to the all-state cast.

The workshop once again performed excerpts from *Story Theatre*, the production which has consistently won acclaim both at home and at previous competitions at the Emerson College Theatre Arts Festival and the state drama festival semi-finals.

Story Theatre is an adaptation of Grimm Brothers Fairy Tales and Aesop's Fables; the mixture of mime, music and comedy creating a contemporary enactment of these ageless stories. The workshop performed "Two Crows," "Henny Penny," "The Master Thief" and "The Bremen Town Musicians" Saturday night.

Director Ron Emmons, incredulous over the troupe's win, shuffled happily through the judges' comments on the play and performances. "They're all raves," Emmons said, and indeed, superlatives more than punctuated the remarks.

Leonard Riendeau, one of the judges and a professor at Emerson College,

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Town Meeting Saturday

Moderator David Place predicted a good turnout for the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday April 7, at 10 a.m. at the High School Gymnasium. A quorum of 200 voters is required to begin the meeting and consideration of the 78 articles in the warrant.

"Because there are a number of unusual, special matters in the warrant, we'll have a good turnout on Saturday and at subsequent sessions," Place said.

"We intend to let each member of the meeting be heard. The warrant substantively doesn't have more articles to be considered, though it is twice as long, than in recent years." Place was confident that matters will be disposed of expeditiously and didn't anticipate the meeting running much longer than three sessions.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arthur Clark didn't share Place's confidence, however. "This is a much larger warrant than in any other year," Clark said. "The zoning articles increase the warrant size. There were 49 articles last year, there's 78 this year," he said.

"We usually get a quorum, but by the time we get to the last articles the people will be worn out," he feared.

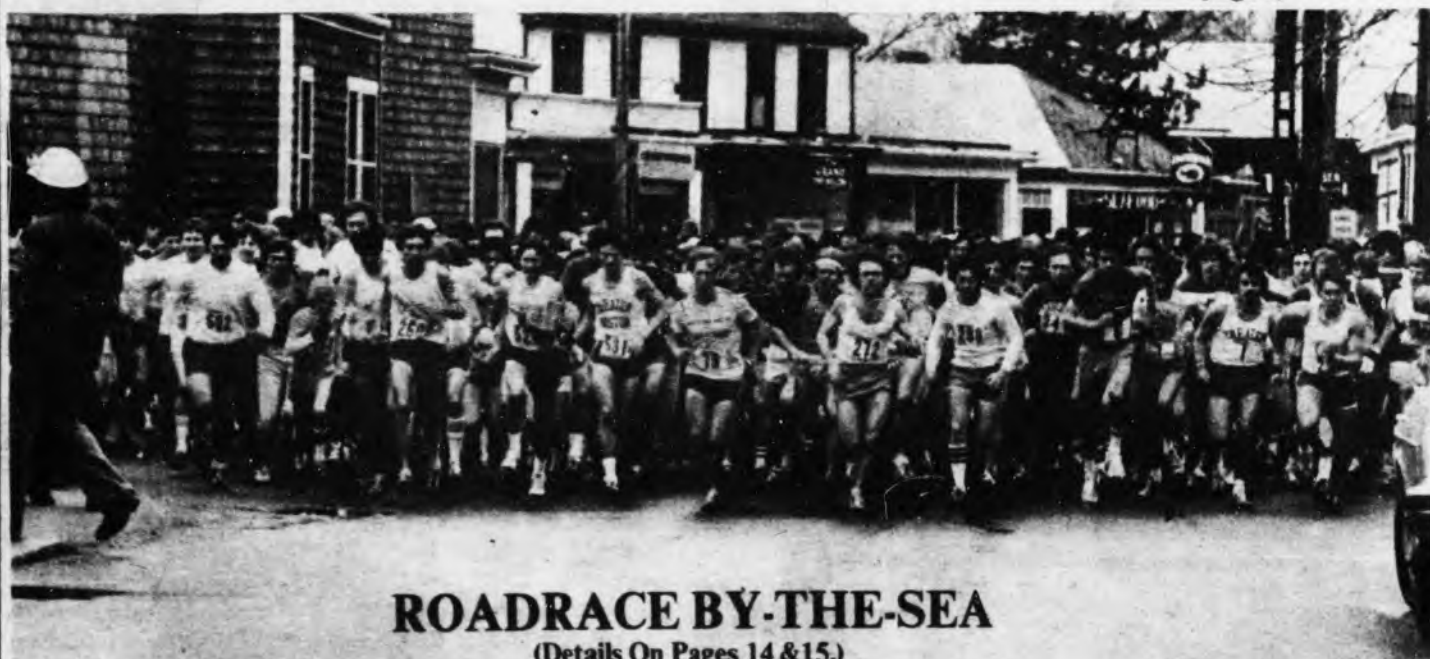
The articles expected to bring the most controversy, Clark said, are the articles regarding the town hall, the new fire station, the reduction of the size of the School Committee and the new sewer treatment plant.

Article 15 requests \$30,000 to be expended by the Committee to Study Space Needs for Town Offices for the preparation of detailed plans and

drawings in connection with securing bids for and the renovation of the Town Hall. Article 16 requests by citizens petition an appropriation of \$325,000 by taxation or by borrowing to purchase the building known as the Professional Building at 760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway to be used for a new town hall.

Article 24 requests the town to appropriate money to construct, equip and furnish a new sub fire station, to be located on the northeasterly side of Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Article 32 considers the age-old argument to reduce the School Committee from six to five members. Article 35 requests a transfer of a 10 acre parcel of land from the Board of Selectmen for school purposes, to be used for a sewage treatment plant.

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ROADRACE BY-THE-SEA

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School Board Won't Hire Untenured Teachers

The School Committee voted Monday night not to rehire untenured teachers for the next school year. School Supt. John Maloney, however, was instructed to return enrollment and class size projections as soon as possible to the committee so that reappointment of needed teachers could be made.

Maloney informed the committee that he was bound legally and officially to send notices by April 15 to all 25 un-

tenured staffmembers alerting them they will not be rehired for the next school year. He indicated that these employees may be rehired when teaching need is ascertained by late May or early June, but also noted that this probability couldn't be put in writing to the teachers.

The law requires that all untenured teachers not so notified by April 15 will be rehired for another school year. The notification procedure has been in prac-

tice in the Cohasset School system since last year, so as not to hire teachers who may not be needed.

Committee member John Langmaid expressed concern over all the teachers enumerated on the untenured list. He suggested that the list could be narrowed down so that some teachers could be retained now rather than risk the possibility of losing them to other school departments.

"There are a lot of good teachers on this list," Langmaid said. "Both music teachers are on the list — you don't want to have no music program. There's nothing to prevent them from going somewhere else."

He explained that Kindergarten enrollment, forthcoming resignations, an immigration factor at Deer Hill School, and the number of students in high school elective courses are all unknown factors at present and all contribute to the computing of class size. These factors could be made known more definitely by early June, he said.

Committee member Frank England urged the committee to retain the hiring flexibility they would have if these teachers weren't rehired. Committee member Patricia Walsh agreed, and noted the legal liabilities the school department

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Cohasset Wants To Retain Control Of METCO Program

The School Committee unanimously voted Monday night to submit Cohasset's METCO proposal to the state Department of Education outlining the School Department's intention to retain control over the program.

The proposal will state that the sum of money the School Department used for the program will be based on instructional costs, that Cohasset has jurisdiction over hiring the town's coordinator and that the School Committee will determine programming.

The committee's action came as a result of discussion started by Supt. John Maloney, who expressed concern over a bill in the legislature that would

empower the METCO Central Board to hire coordinators for towns in the program. This bill, Maloney said, in combination with additional requirements of the state denotes an attempt on the part of outside agencies to gain control of the program within Cohasset.

"Cohasset has been involved with METCO for 10 years and should continue," Maloney said. "I don't believe, though, that we should lose control of the coordinator. If we lose control of the program now under the jurisdiction of the School Committee and superintendent, a dangerous pre-

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200 Attend Candidates Night

Town Affairs Night, sponsored by the League of Women Voters Tuesday night, offered a platform to candidates running for town office as they addressed a wide range of issues. Issues repeatedly highlighted throughout the evening included the Town Hall renovation plan, the possibility of a new sewer treatment plant, the effects of the Governor's tax cap plan and the need for better understanding of town boards as well as better communication between them.

Candidates were asked to state their objectives for the offices they sought within a three-minute time period. Questions were then directed to the candidates from the floor. Over 200 residents were in attendance.

The School Committee race, with four candidates vying for two 3-year seats, and the Selectman race, with five candidates for one 3-year seat, comprise the largest contests in the town's election this

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